

A meeting of the **Civic Center Priority Task Force (CCPTF)** was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2003 at 7:35 P.M., at City Hall in the Council Board Room. Brian Wattles called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Mary Ann Bernardi (Troy Citizens United)
Leonard Bertin (Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities)
Ann Partlan (Historic District Commission)
Ryan Deel (Traffic Committee)
Catherine Herzog (Troy Youth Council)
Michele Hodges (Troy Shareholders) (Vice-chair)

Tom Krent (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)
David Ogg (Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens)
Carol Price (Downtown Development Authority)
Brian Wattles (Historical Commission) (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT:

Doug Smith, Real Estate & Development Director
Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager

ABSENT:

Mark Maxwell (Board of Zoning Appeals)
Walter Storrs (Planning Commission)

Absent Members

Resolution # CCPTF-2003-10-004

Moved by Bernardi
Seconded by Bertin

RESOLVED, that absent members Maxwell and Storrs shall be excused.

Yes: All - 11

No: None

Absent: Maxwell, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT – SECTION 1

None

1. Minutes

Resolution # CCPTF-2003-10-005

Moved by Bertin
Seconded by Price

RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 24, 2003 meeting be approved with changes.

Yes: All - 11

No: None

Absent: Maxwell, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

2. Comments from Chair re: remarks made about CCPTF at the 10/6/03 City Council Meeting
3. Discussion of the CCPTF resolution to change proposed location of the Reflective Head sculpture – Staff Visitor: Doug Smith, Real Estate & Developer Director
Wattles to draft a letter to staff articulating the CCPTF's interest to move proposed location of the sculpture.
4. Short Discussion of the roles of the "Cool Cities" Committee and the CCPTF
Fitzpatrick and Smith explained that the groups are distinct and that the CCPTF has a more significant task.
5. Discussion of input from other groups, specifically the Troy School District and the Troy Downtown Development Authority
 - ✓ Re: DDA - Discussion of whether or not CCPTF is to look at funding options; scope
For now – do not focus on funding – ideas can be added to the final report
 - ✓ Re: TSD - TSD not included in Council resolution; youth are currently represented; TSD will be copied on the final report
 - ✓ Synergy between the TSD and the site planning, particularly for elements like the amphitheater
 - ✓ Work on elements task and then work with other groups for programming and then, also look at financing
6. Continuation of discussion of the prioritized amenities in priority order
 - ✓ A lot of the work is done, we have a list of priorities
 - ✓ Where do we want parking, park-like setting, etc.
 - ✓ Get rid of half or more of the asphalt by the Skate Park; continuous green space from Livernois to Town Center Drive; archway or formal entrance off of Livernois?

SUMMARY OF ELEMENTS/IDEAS DISCUSSED TO

DATE

- ✓ Amphitheater on the 4.39 acres on SE Corner providing Reflective Head is moved
- ✓ Long-term plan: close part of Civic Center Drive – but we need an alternate way to get to other buildings; natural flow of people
- ✓ Winter Activity: the lake
 - Anderson has said that maybe they could open Aquatic Center vendor for winter activities
 - Small hill for young children to go sledding; erect a snow fence
 - Biegler to consult engineering re: drain and ice skating rink

- ✓ Fountains/Formal Plaza/Food Vendors w/Outdoor Sitting Areas: 6.7 or 9.92 acres, west of CC building – formal fountain plaza – reserved area for a more formal environment (i.e. not sports courts); outdoor food vendors & tables – so people can find a place outside to sit and have a snack (i.e. business people, kids using the Skate Park, shoppers from Somerset) – connected to other areas of the site by paths; consider adding “lighted and covered and heated paths” as a higher range option
- ✓ Put basketball courts, etc. near Skate Park
- ✓ ~4 acres section in NE corner – picnic area with gardens – English Garden Concept
- ✓ Parking Structures: Do our proposed elements need additional parking? Staff can provide parking recommendation when list of elements is more defined.
- ✓ Come back in 2 weeks and place elements on a map – map provided by Biegler – use this to get serious about elements and paths
- ✓ Continuous green area from north end by Community Center

Resolution # CCPTF-2003-10-006

RESOLVED, that the CCPTF direct Michele Hodges to ask Yamasaki Architects if they would provide input (free of charge) once the CCPTF has elements in place.

Yes: 5 – Bertin, Deel, Hodges, Krent, Price

No: 4 – Bernardi, Biegler, Ogg, Wattles

Absent: Herzog, Maxwell, Partlan, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion of the methodology for report submission to City Council

- ✓ Providing ideals and minimums, offering a range of acceptable options
- ✓ Providing photos of elements better illustrate
- ✓ Lists, photos, drawings, etc.
- ✓ Fitzpatrick to bring March 2000 Site Visit Photos to next meeting, particularly Schaumburg
- ✓ We need to be sure we have something more than previous groups – showing practicality, reasons, etc.
- ✓ A member spoke with Councilmember Beltramini, she shared: This committee is seen as a culmination of previous reports; start

discussion of why the CCPTF selected and omitted certain amenities

- ✓ 2nd mtg in Oct – location, map; Nov – work out details and determine need for professional input

PUBLIC COMMENT – SECTION 2

Reminder: Next Meeting October 22, 2003 7:30 P.M.
Location: City Hall – 2nd Floor – Council Board Room

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Brian Wattles, Meeting Chair

Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager